Mr. R. DOMINIC TOMMAN: Teak trees are in large quantities cut and removed every year. For a few years the trees on Sirkar lands and all the teak trees standing on private lands may be cut and those trees that are not ripe for timber may be sold to the proprietors and they may be ready to purchase them. There may not be a large number of them. As expressed by several speakers before, the proprietors do not take care of young trees in their own lands. So they may be sold to the proprietors. Teak is a very valuable timber and it is decreasing in Travancore year by year. If we want to keep up the quantity of trees, private persons must be allowed to plant and grow teak trees. In the case of persons who own extensive areas, they can, without much difficulty, grow teak trees, and they need not spend much on the plantation as is done by the Sirkar. They have only to take care that it is not cut and removed by others. I know that in Sirkar plantations a large amount is spent. Private owners need not spend such large sums. In the long run private owners would be benefited much. In 40 years one might be able to utilise the trees. It would at least be 48 in girth within 40 years.

Then, as for the cultivation of tobacco, salt is manufactured in Travancore under the supervision of the department. So also, select areas in Travancore may be planted with tobacco under the supervision of the department. In that case we may be able to produce all the tobacco we want without losing the revenue of the Sirkar. With these observations, I support Mr. Tariatu Kunjitomman.

PRESIDENT: I think the discussion on this resolution will have to stand adjourned at this stage, as I understand that the Law Member wishes to make one or two motions and then the non-official members will have to meet to elect the members of the Standing Finance Committee.

THE NANJANAD VELLALA BILL.

Mr. V. SUBBA AIYAR: I do not think I shall be quite in order if I ask your permission, in the first place, to move for leave to introduce the Nanjanad Vellala Bill, because strictly speaking to-day is a non-official day and Government business cannot come to-day. But out of deference to the wishes of some of the non-official members who are interested in the Bill, I crave your permission under the distinct impression that there will not be any objection from the non-official side of the House that I am not in order. Of course, if the members do object, I do not press the motion at all. Therefore, in the first instance, I beg leave to make the motion.

Leave was granted to introduce the Bill.

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